Scheduled Tribes, the following criteria are followed:—

Scheduled Castes: Extreme social educational and economic backwardness arising out of the traditional practice of untouchability.

Scheduled Tribes: Dedications of primitive traits, distinctive culture. geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large and backwardness.

ICAR Report for increasing production of Grains and Fodder

792. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has prepared a macro-level analytical report for increasing the production of grains and fodder during the Rabi season to compensate for the Kharif losses due to drought; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient recommendations have been discussed with the Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities to take suitable action for stablising and enhancing production in their respective areas. Copies of report have also been sent to Planning Commission and Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture for suitable action.

A special meeting of Governing Body of ICAR is being held on 18-11-1987 to discuss the future strategy in this regard.

Import of Foodgrains

793. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of foodgrains required during the year 1987-88;

(b) what will be indigenous production; and

(c) how much foodgrain is expected to be imported from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As the demand for foodgrains in the country depends on various factors, such as population growth, extent of urbanisation, levels of income, prices of substitutable foodgrains etc., precise estimates of requirement of foodgrains in the country are not available.

(b) It is too early to indicate the likely size of foodgrains production during the crop year 1987-88.

(c) There are adequate stocks of foodgrains with the public agencies. However, the Government keeps open the option to import foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Production of Foodgrains

794 SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospects of foodgrains production in the year 1987-88 in the country;

(b) what will be the amount of deficit; and

(c) how Government propose to meet this deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Due to widespread drought conditions prevailing in many States and floods in some States in the Eastern region during the Kharif season, production of foodgrains in 1987-88 is likely to be affected. Firm estimates of Kharif production are not yet due from the States. Sowings of Rabi crops are still in progress. It is, therefore, too early to quantify the anticipated production as well as the likely amount of deficit of foodgrains during the year 1987-88.

(c) In order to make up the loss in production sustained in Kharif season, a vigorous rabi production strategy is being implemented. Appropriate supply plans for inputs like seeds and fertilisers are being tied up with the States.

Aluminium plant in Krishnadevi Peta and Visakhapatnam Steel Projects

795 DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present stage of aluminimum plant in Krishnadevi Peta, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the conclusions after discussions with the USSR in this regard;

(c) what is the present stage of progress of construction of steel plant at Visakhapatnam;

(d) whether the plant is likely to be commissioned as per target date; and

(e) whether the Central Government have decided to enhance the rates of compensation which is likely to be paid to persons whose lands have been acquired for Visakhapatnam project, if so, what are the rates fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) A feasibility report for an export-oriented bauxite mine of 2.3 million tonnes per annum capacity in Andhra Pradesh has been prepared with Soviet assistance. Measures to be taken to make the project economically viable are to be discussed with the Soviets during the next meeting of the Working Group on Non-Ferrous Metallurgy of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission.

(c) The progress of construction of Visakhapatnam Steel Project as on 31-10-1987 in terms of percentage fulfilment of schedules in different areas, is given below:—

Item	Percentage fulfilment of Project schedule.
Civil Engineering Drawings	102.0
Structural Design Drawings	103 7
Concreting	100 1
Structural fabrications	97 5
Structural erection	96 8
Equipment ordering	102 3
Equipment erection	77 9
Refractory ordering	94 7
Refractory erection	89.2

(d) Phase I of the project will be commissioned as scheduled.

(e) The enhanced rates of compensation are given below:—

Dry land	Rs. 17.000/- per acre
Wet land	Rs. 20,000/- per acre
Village site	Rs. 6/- per sq. yd.

Setting up of Consumer Protection Councils

796. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Consumer Protection